

A MESSAGE FROM BCU COMMANDER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HELEN HARPER



Dear all,

I hope you are all well.

Our thanks to Volunteers

As you know, we are continuing with our business as usual activity, which is to keep Londoners safe. In achieving this, we have been very grateful for the support of volunteers. Officers who work with us as Special Constables have been working hard and dedicating their time in supporting colleagues over the last few weeks.

Also, Cadets and new and existing staff volunteers have given their time to supporting their communities for example making helpful online content and delivering crime prevention advice to homes. We have also seen the return of a number of former officers who have returned to the frontline to help keep communities safe and prevent crime.

We are very grateful to these and other volunteers and returning officers for giving their time to support our communities and the MPS.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a Met volunteer, please visit our website:

<https://www.met.police.uk/car/careers/met/police-volunteer-roles/>

We are also aware of the huge amount of volunteering, formal and informal, happening in our local area for a variety of organisations, the NHS, and individuals providing care for other individuals. It is very heart-warming to see everyone coming together in these unusual, and for some very difficult, times we find ourselves in.

Remaining vigilant

We would like to reassure you that we continue to work with businesses and security teams to protect the security of buildings, both residential and non-residential. Local officers will be working in communities to reassure and advise on crime prevention strategies.

Also, despite fewer people on the streets it is still important to be vigilant whilst out and stay aware of your surroundings, paying attention to who is around you and keeping valuables out of sight. As ever we also ask our partners and the public to be our eyes and ears and let us know if you have any concerns at all. Further crime prevention guidance can be found here: <https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

Stay indoors; protect the NHS, save lives.

We thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Kindest regards

Helen

BCU Commander Central West BCU and Royal Parks

